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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU GRANTS REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION'S NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING TO ENHANCE SECURITY AND AUTHENTICATION STANDARDS FOR ACCESS TO CPNI

CC Docket No. 96-115

On May 10, 2006, the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission and the Texas Office of Public Utility Counsel filed a request for a two-week extension of time to file reply comments in response to the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to enhance security and authentication standards for access to customer proprietary network information (CPNI).¹ The current deadline for filing reply comments is May 19, 2006.²

Although requests for extension of time are not routinely granted,³ we do occasionally grant limited extensions of time when we find that the public interest would be served by doing so. In this case, we believe that granting an extension of time to file reply comments in this proceeding is in the public interest because of the large volume of comments filed in this proceeding. Granting a two-week extension will facilitate the full participation of all parties, thus generating a more informed record. Parties therefore have until **June 2, 2006** to file reply comments on the NPRM and comments in this docket.

For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Tim Stelzig, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-0942.

¹ Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information; Petition for Rulemaking to Enhance Security and Authentication Standards for Access to Customer Proprietary Network Information, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 96-115, FCC 06-10 (rel. Feb. 14, 2006).

² See Wireline Competition Bureau Grants Request for Extension of Time to File Comments in Response to the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Enhance Security and Authentication Standards for Access to CPNI, Public Notice, CC Docket No. 96-115, DA 06-840 (rel. Apr. 11, 2006); see also Comment and Reply Comment Dates Established for Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in Commission's Customer Proprietary Network Information Proceeding, CC Docket No. 96-115, DA 06-600, Public Notice (rel. Mar. 16, 2006).

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).